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SUBJECT: MBFR WORKING GROUP WORK PROGRAM

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STAFF GROUP'S PROPOSED WORK PROGRAM FOR
MBFR WORKING GROUP ON WHICH CHAIRMAN SOUGHT TO OBTAIN WG APPROVAL
AUGUST 14, ALONG WITH APPROVAL FOR PRIORITY TREATMENT OF THE
ONGOING TASK ON THE PRODUCTION OF MBFR DATA AND THE PROBLEM OF
MEASURING COMBAT CAPABILITY.

QUOTE:

CONSTRAINTS

1. CONSIDERATION OF THE CONSTRAINTS WHICH COULD AND SHOULD BE
APPLIED, IN THE EVENT THAT THE REDUCTION OPTIONS OUTLINED IN THE
BE PAPER OF 20TH JULY, THE UK PAPER OF 30TH JULY, AND THE US
PAPER OF 27TH JULY, 1973, WERE ADOPTED. ACTION BY: SGMC.

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TARGET: 21ST AUGUST 1973.

2. EXAMINATION OF THE TECHNICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE CONSTRAINTS,
PRE AND CONCURRENT WITH REDUCTIONS, AND NON-CIRCUMVENTION MEASURES

PROPOSED IN THE US PAPER OF 27TH JULY, 1973. TARGET: 21ST AUGUST 1973.

3. ASSUMING ADOPTION OF A COMMON CEILING OPTION FOR THE NGLA, EXPRESSED IN MANPOWER AT A COMMON LEVEL OF 700,000, ON THE LINES OF THE US PAPER OF 27TH JULY, 1973, EXAMINE AND REPORT URGENTLY ON:

(A) THE IMPLICATIONS AND EFFECTS OF THIS OPTION FOR THE MC 14/3 STRATEGY AND FORWARD DEFENCE;
(B) THE EFFECTS ON THE NUCLEAR THRESHOLD. ACTION BY: STAFF GROUP. TARGET: 30TH AUGUST 1973.

4. DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOVIETS ON MBFR ARE LIKELY TO BE WIDE-RANGING, AND VERY UNLIKELY TO LEAD TO PRECISE ACCORD WITH THE PREFERRED ALLIED OUTCOMES AS OUTLINED IN THE BE PAPER OF 20TH JULY, THE UK PAPER OF 30TH JULY, AND THE US PAPER OF 27TH JULY. EXAMINE THE LIKELY DIRECTION OF SUCH SOVIET INITIATIVES; AND DEVISE OPTIONS AND ARGUMENTS TO COUNTER SUCH APPROACHES. ACTION BY: STAFF GROUP. TARGET: 30TH AUGUST 1973.

VERIFICATION

5. EXAMINATION OF THE VERIFICATION MEASURES DESIRABLE AND PRACTICABLE DURING AND POST A FIRST NEGOTIATION PHASE ON MBFR, ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT REDUCTIONS IN THAT PHASE WILL BE CONFINED TO US/USSR FORCES AND THE NATO GUIDELINES AREA, AND ON THE SCALES POSTULATED IN THE BE PAPER OF 20TH JULY, 1973, THE UK PAPER OF 30TH JULY, 1973, AND THE US PAPER OF 27TH JULY, 1973. ACTION BY: SGV. TARGET: 24TH AUGUST 1973.

6. IN VIEW OF THE ASYMMETRIES IN THE MILITARY SITUATION IN CENTRAL EUROPE, MILITARY ASSESSMENT OF ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING THE LEAVING BEHIND OF THE EQUIPMENT OF WITHDRAWN UNITS. ACTION BY: STAFF GROUP. TARGET: 30TH AUGUST 1973.

END QUOTE.

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